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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner Philip H Leung	Art Unit 3742

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 24 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The drawings filed 3-24-2004 are acceptable.
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Luraschi (FR 2 814 445).

Luraschi shows a system and method for providing fresh potatoes for consumption, comprising: a container (1) of suitable construction to be placed in and withstand a cooking environment capable of cooking fresh potatoes; and one or more fresh potatoes (3) placed within said container. In regard to claims 2 and 17, the container is constructed from microwaveable plastic and includes a tray (1) and a cover (film layer 2) (see Figures 1-4, the title and the English abstract). In regard to claims 10 and 11, these are product-by-process claims because the claimed limitation “are cleaned (three times) prior to being placed within the container” does not add any structural limitation to the claim (see M.P.E.P. 2113).

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 3, 4, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Luraschi (FR 2 814 445), in view of Fritz (US 5,607,709).

Luraschi shows every feature as except for the explicit showing of inclusion of cooking instructions with the system. However, it is routine in the art of food packages to include cooking instructions with the package to help the consumer to heat the food. Anyway, Fritz shows a microwave cooking container with a lid and a portion 32 containing cooking instructions (see Figures 1-4 and col. 3, lines 13-16). It would have been obvious to an ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify Luraschi to provide cooking instructions to assist the consumer with the cooking process, such as the length of cooking times as set forth in the abstract, so that the consumer can obtain optimal cooking result, in view of the teaching of Fritz.

6. Claims 5-15 and 20-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Luraschi (FR 2 814 445), in view of Pickard et al (US 5,220,909).

Luraschi shows every feature as except for the inclusion of cooking ingredients and eating utensils with the system. Pickard shows a food heating meal system with a package containing food portions, food condiment package 43 and eating utensils 45 (see Figure 1 and col. 4, lines 34-50). It would have been obvious to an ordinary skill in the art at the time of

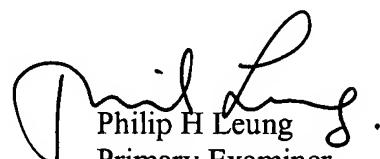
invention to modify Luraschi to include a potato composition and eating utensils in a same package so that the consumer can bring the package along and consume it as a meal for better tasty potatoes and conveniences, in view of the teaching of Pickard. In regard to claims 11 and 26, the number of cleaning times would be a matter of engineering tradeoff between cost and cleanliness. In regard to claims 6 and 21, the use of butter, margarine or dressing for serving with potatoes is well known.

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Takayama (JP 4-117258) is further cited to show a microwave potato cooking vessel with a seasoning and sauce.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip H Leung whose telephone number is (571) 272-4782.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on (571) 472-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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